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## PROCEEDINGS.

Bassfield, Miss. Sept. 22, 1916.

The Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association met this day at the appointed hour with Ebenezer Baptist Church in its fourth annual session.

The congregation sang several songs of praise, and Rev. P. I. Lipsey conducted the devotional exercises reading for morning lesson some verses from the 5th Chapter of Second Corinthians. Brother R. Drummond the opening prayer.

The Moderator called the Association to order and appointed Brethren J. M. Fortenberry, B. O. Thompson and A. C. Berry as a committee on Finance.

On motion, Brethren J. E. Cranford and J. O. Buckley were appointed reading clerks of the associational letters.

The letters from the churches were called for and read, and the clerk enrolled the names of the messengers as follows, to-wit:

Antioch—R. H. Sinclair, C. S. Williamson, W. J. Barnes and M. S. Parkman.

Bethany—J. O. Buckley, Jesse Chance, Otho Fortenberry, Jno. Stamps and Pickens Brady.

Bassfield—J. T. Dale, W. J. Carter, W. H. Dear and B. O. Thompson.

Carson—Chas. G. Laird, Jno. Dyess and J. W. McPhail.

Hebron—A. H. Dale, R. Drummond, A. C. Berry and S. L. Walker.

Ebenezer—Ray Sinclair, L. B. Thompson, Ike Allen, R. S. Miller and F. A. Hathorn.

Hepzibah—W. W. Branton, E. L. Bourn, Donnie Daniels, Henry Fortenberry and Ewel Price.

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Oakgrove—Earnest Mikell, Jesse Sutto and D. H. Burrow  
Prentiss—J. E. Barnett, R. E. Dale, Leon Tyrone, J. T.  
Magee, W. W. Lee Jr. and S. L. Lee.

Phalti—W. H. Thompson, F. J. Parish and J. H. Polk.  
Society Hill—J. M. Fortenberry, H. C. Williamson, Fleet  
Parkman, J. F. Bass and Isham Williamson.

Victory—J. E. Coulter, H. H. Bullock and W. T. Morgan.  
White Sand—R. B. Dale, C. V. Sutton, D. W. Weathersby,  
H. M. Coulter, L. A. Miller and J. M. Bridges.

Petitionary letters called for: None presented.

The letter of dismissal granted to Bassfield church at the  
last session of this association having been returned, the church  
was welcomed back to this association.

On motion, the rules of the Association were suspended,  
and the officers elected by acclamation as follows, to-wit:

A. H. Dale, moderator; Leon Tyrone, treasurer and J. W.  
Burrow, clerk.

By request of the moderator, Brother J. B. Lawrence led  
in a special prayer for the presence of the Holy Spirit during  
the session.

Received correspondence as follows:

Brethren, J. B. Lawrence, corresponding secretary of state  
board; P. I. Lipsey, representing the Baptist Record; J. R.  
Carter, representing the Baptist Orphanage and T. J. Moore,  
field worker and representing the enlistment of churches.

Messengers present from other associations: Brethren J.  
E. Cranford, Lawrence county association; R. W. Bryant of  
Lebanon; E. N. Quick of Pearl Leaf; T. D. Cox of Pearl River  
and also, present, Miss Traylor, representing the woman's  
work.

On motion the following was adopted: resolved that any  
member of this association who is in good standing with his  
church, is hereby authorized to represent this association in  
any of the fraternal bodies with which we correspond.

The following Brethren were appointed as a committee,



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viz: On nominations: R. B. Dale, H. C. Williamson and W. J. Carter.

Apportionment: C. V. Sutton, Pickens Brady, A. C. Berry, J. W. McPhail, R. H. Sinclair, W. H. Dear, W. T. Morgan, L. B. Thompson, J. O. Sutton Jr., W. W. Branton, Fleet Parkman, Leon Tyrone and W. H. Thompson.

On motion, further business of the Association was suspended to listen to the preaching of the Associational sermon. The sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Cranford, using as a text, part of the 3rd verse of the 6th Chapter of Nehemiah.

In the absence of no report having been prepared on state missions, Brother J. B. Lawrence was appointed to write this report.

Brother C. V. Sutton was appointed to write the report on Sunday schools.

Brother Buckley was appointed to write the report on the Baptist Orphanage.

On motion adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

Prayer by J. O. Buckley.

**Afternoon Session.**

After song services, Brother J. R. Carter led in prayer.

The Association was announced in order for business.

On motion, Saturday morning at 10:30 was made the special hour for the reports on Home State and Foreign Missions.

On motion, Sunday morning at 10:30 was made special hour for the report on Sunday schools.

Brother Leon Tyrone read the report on Ministerial Education and was discussed by him, P. I. Lipsey and T. D. Cox. On motion was adopted as follows:

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**MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.**

A minister of Jesus Christ is in the first place a man whom God has called to preach the Gospel. He will never succeed in the highest sense of the term unless God has called him, but if God has called him he will succeed to some extent somewhere whether he ever sees inside of a college or theological seminary. We as Baptists do not believe in man made preachers. Man cannot give us a new birth; that comes from God. When a man is called of God to the ministry his usefulness may be enlarged by the proper education and training, but let the young preacher be sure that the college or seminary that he attends has the proper spiritual atmosphere about it. We all admit that God usually calls poor men to preach the Gospel, and for this reason we have a student's loan fund located at Mississippi College to aid ministerial students mostly. We had 68 ministerial students in Mississippi College last session, besides Clarke Memorial and our two seminaries. It is very necessary that we as a Baptist body see to the education of our worthy ministerial students.

Respectfully submitted.

W. W. LEE, Committee.

Brother J. O. Sutton read the report on Church Discipline, and was discussed by him, and J. R. Carter.

On motion was adopted as follows:

**CHURCH DISCIPLINE.**

Your Committee on Church Discipline beg to report the following:

First, Discipline means to teach or train. Jesus said to his disciples go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world.

Teaching them obedience to the rules and commands of our Savior.

Your committee believes that the preachers or pastors are

the ones most suitable for this purpose. But we find in most churches members who are hard to teach for the simple reason they are sitting around some town whittling or on some creek bank fishing. After hard study by the pastor to prepare a sermon to suit that class of church members, probably he goes away feeling sad on account of not being able to reach them. Your committee would suggest to help the pastor to discipline a church that there might be a committee appointed that might be styled as a discipline committee to look after all complaints and grievances of the church. Bro. Laurence reports a great number of churches in the State that does nothing for missions at all. Your committee believes that those churches are without discipline and he also believes the pastors are partly in fault as to the laxity of some of our church members. They fail to reprove and rebuke them for such sins as drinking and profanity and others that could be mentioned. Show me a church well disciplined and I will show you a church that is at work for the Master. Uniformity in the matter of discipline is essential to true fellowship among the churches. No compromises should be made in the matter of disorderly conduct whom the church disapproves. Your committee believes that members of a church that never attend, their names should be dropped from the church roll unless providentially hindered.

Respectfully submitted,

J. O. SUTTON.

Brother R. Drummond read the report on Temperance, was discussed by him, C. V. Sutton, T. J. Moore and Leon Tyrone. On motion was adopted as follows:

### TEMPERANCE.

From what has been written and said upon this subject at former meetings of this association I suppose I am expected to discuss the use of intoxicating liquors and the evils of the same. I believe this should be made stronger and read total abstinence. While we are told that "the man that striveth for the Master is temperate in all things," and that "the first fruit of the spirit is love for peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness temperance," against such there is no

law and that they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lust. I am sure that Paul did not mean that we should associate anything, even in a temperate way, with these lovely graces of the Spirit, that has brought and is still bringing, such sorrow, confusion, destruction and death upon the people of the world, as the use of liquor brings. That which Dr. Porter, editor of the Western Record calls "triple extract of distilled damnation." Statistics show that the drink bill of this nation for the year 1915 was more than \$2,000,000,000; and yet the different states complain at being unable to provide for the education of the children, and the doing of other things that look to the elevation of the people. Go use the words of a district judge of Dallas, Texas: "O, wish there were no saloons in existence, and that men would forget how to make whiskey, since it is the cause of more crime than anything else."

May I quote the words of ex-Governor Patterson of Tennessee, and ask that they become the sentiment of every member of this body? He says, "If you would know more of the black and blighting record look at the long sad and dreary procession of the victims—Go to the courts and see the crimes it has caused and the many criminals it has made. Go to the prisons and read the story of its tragedy in the listless eyes and hopeless faces of the unfortunate ones behind the bars. Go to the police stations and find the derelicts—the driftwood of humanity—as you see them moving and shuffling in the cowardice and utter misery of their mis-spent lives. Go to the divorce courts and see the causes which dissolve the holy bonds of wedlock, and send families adrift. Go to the homes where the serpent has left his slimy trail on the lintels of the door. Hear the oaths and curses, the reveling and imprecations of thickened tongues and maddened brains. See the wife and mother as she pales in terror with a bruised and broken heart. See the children as they huddle and shiver into fright like birds before the hunter's gun. See the sweet milk of concord turn into the very broth of hell. Liquor! Liquor! How I hate it. I hate it for what it has done for me and those I love. I hate it for what it has done to others, to the state and to my country. I hate it with every fiber of my being, with every



passion of my soul. I hate it for the tears it has caused to flow, for the blood it has shed, for the homes and happiness it has wrecked, for the men and women it has ruined. But a brighter day has dawned upon us. During the year 1915, seven states were added to the prohibition column, and two in 1916, making 21 prohibition states at the present time. The law limits the amount of whiskey one may receive in the space of fifteen days, to one quart. Also prohibits the advertising of whiskey by any paper published in the state, or the sale of any paper containing whiskey advertisements."

More than 21,000 saloons were closed during the year 1915.

Brother J. T. Magee read the report on Woman Work, and was discussed by J. E. Cranford and J. O. Buckley. On motion was adopted as follows:

### **WOMAN'S WORK.**

Time will not permit me to enter into a discussion of the progress that is made and is being made by women in carrying on and promoting and advancing the Kingdom of God.

Scan the pages of history, and we find that woman is a prominent figure in the social, educational and religious life. It is through her influence that schools, hospitals and asylums are being founded. Turn to your Bible and read of the many things women have done, and you find she is the central figure in all good works. Deborah sat under the sycamore tree and judged Israel. Dorcas's heart was so full of love that she sat day after day working with her hands distributing her goods to the poor and needy in Jerusalem. Rahab, the harlot, hid the spies and God rewarded her by saving her household. Where would our country be today if it was not for the good women. It would go down in sin and degradation.

Woman will give of her means, though small it be, to help in any worthy cause. Where would England be had it not been for Queen Victoria. It was through her influence and love for fallen humanity that education advanced in that country. She was exalted, yet humble, she was proud of what her people accomplished, a dignified yet courteous, a sovereign yet a willing subject of the lonely Nazarene. Victoria was the mother to her

children and a benefactor to her people. She developed her country, advanced the arts and sciences and founded hospitals and asylums, and her influence is being felt today. Think of the work the good women did during the late war. It was she who suffered, who stayed at home toiled and labored while our fathers went to the front to fight for home and native land. See the good she is doing today in the great war that is raging. She is on the battlefield thinking not of danger, but ministering the first aid to the sick and wounded, mingling her tears with the broken hearted, cheering and comforting the fallen.

Our women have left their homes, friends and loved ones and gone to our foreign fields. She knows nothing of the persecutions she may undergo, the obstacles that lay in her way, nor the disappointments that she will have to bear, but she goes with a willing heart holding up the banner of Prince Immanuel, to teach and win souls for Christ.

Is her work being appreciated? I think so, and we should always be ready to give them a word of encouragement.

Our boards are not paying them enough. They do not complain, they will give their life, that souls may be brought from darkness into light. Why not pay them more? Are they not doing the same work as our men that have taken upon themselves the same work.

Our Baptist women of Mississippi raised during the last Associational year:

Foreign Missions	\$ 8,111.51
Home Missions	5,493.32
State Missions	5,913.37
Hospitals and Orphanage	9,558.94
Training School, Bible fund and Morg. fund	2,017.69
Jubilate fund	1,468.90
Literature fund	146.85
Colleges	1,774.08
Ministerial relief	759.01
Ministerial Education	625.14
Grand total	\$60,510.20

J. T. MAGEE.

On motion, adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Prayer by Rev. R. Drummond.

### Second Day—Morning Session.

After song service, Brother J. E. Cranford led in prayer. The association was announced in order for business.

Yesterday's journal read and corrected.

Brother C. V. Sutton read the report on Denominational Schools and was discussed by him, J. O. Buckley, R. W. Bryant.

Pending the discussion of the report, on motion the time was extended, and further discussed by Brethren J. E. Barnett, J. R. Carter and J. B. Lawrence. On motion adopted as follows:

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Denominational Schools begs leave to submit the following report:

The subject as assigned was Denominational Schools, but since all the Baptists of Mississippi that are in colleges are not in Baptist colleges, and that I may call attention to some vital points not included under the head of Denominational Schools the committee begs leave to discuss Christian Education.

As to the need of Christian education we think we are awake but when we consider how meager are our efforts, we realize that we do not appreciate its importance or we are not living up to what we know. Modern conditions demand Christian education as never before in the history of mankind. What a need for bridging the chasm between our social and religious lives, and how much more is it true of our educational and religious lives.

The State strives to make useful and cultured citizens. The ideal of the denominational school is to make useful and cultured **Christian** citizens.

Your committee would lay especial stress upon the importance of college training. On entering college many students are experiencing a period of doubt. Their ideals and purposes are not firmly fixed. Being susceptible to all kinds of influences it makes much difference what the surroundings are. Really a life is at stake. If the right start is obtained a life of useful-

ness and success will be the outcome; if the wrong start a life of failure will result. After all the man is the real thing. We should look well to the planting of the right principles in our boys and girls, principles of worth that are noble and pure. A bright, intellectual, vigorous young man, given all the powers resulting from a university education and training and these same powers untamed, his ambition unrestrained by having a love for the pure, noble and holy inculcated in his being is a dangerous character. The Christian college is concerned with making a life—the more abundant life of the New Testament, filled with the fruits of Him who said "What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul?"

So much for the need of Christian education. The question comes "Does it pay?" "The proof of the pudding is in the eating of it." Please note carefully following statistics, from the Sunday School Times:

Ministerial students in the United States come from:	
State schools . . . . .	6.6%
Denominational schools . . . . .	80.9%
Foreign Missionaries come from:	
State schools . . . . .	7.1%
Denominational schools . . . . .	84.8%
Home Missionaries come from:	
State schools . . . . .	6.3%
Denominational schools . . . . .	84.8%

A large per cent of the ministry of our own state and of the leaders of Christian movements and benevolent organizations and charitable institutions are furnished by our denominational colleges. Not only in religious fields but in political, economic, industrial and scientific, our denominational schools are contributing leaders in proportion to the number and wealth of our schools as compared to the other schools of the State.

In Mississippi the Baptist denomination owns and operates three splendid colleges. So far reaching and thorough is the influence of these schools that we all know about them.

Clarke Memorial College at Newton, taken over by the Baptist denomination in 1914, is making splendid progress despite the adverse circumstances under which it has been labor-



ing. The work being done with Rev. Bryan Simmons as President is especially commendable.

The Mississippi Woman's College at Hattiesburg, the youngest of our colleges, being only about five years old is making good progress. Under the leadership of Prof. J. L. Johnson this college is taking its place in the front rank both in scholarship and in the character of her graduates. Last year the enrollment was 270 students. In the Industrial Home of this college ninety girls received their table board at an expense of less than \$6 a month. Prof. Johnson deserves especial commendation for this. Last year an administration building with all the modern equipment and conveniences was completed and is now being used.

Baptist parents in Mississippi ought to consider the Mississippi Woman's College and contribute liberally to the fund now being raised by Bro. W. E. Farr for Clarke Memorial College and Mississippi Woman's College.

Every loyal Mississippi Baptist's heart thrills with joy at the very mention of Mississippi College, justly called the "Old Reliable." Graduates of her walls are men of force in all parts of our country and of the whole world — men who can be counted on to line up uncompromisingly for the right. Last year a handsome well equipped library was completed and is now being used by her students.

As to our needs. In the first place, the statistics of 1915 and 1916 show that there were more Baptists in the State schools of Mississippi than there were in the denominational schools. The judgment of your committee is that we as Baptists ought to make more extensive provision for our people or we ought to provide ways of looking after those in State schools.

Not only do we need more equipment but we need better equipment. That our schools may fulfill their mission and realize our highest aims they must have sufficient equipment of buildings, grounds, libraries, laboratories, workshops and endowment. We have come to a day when Baptist people will no longer patronize Baptist schools because they have the Baptist name. They must render service equal to the best of other schools or go out of business. And more too they must render service superior to any of the others. Does not this mean that we as Baptists must awake?

Your committee recommends that the churches contribute regularly to the cause of education, that they put the denominational schools on their lists for contributions just as they do the orphanage, missions and other objects.

Oh if we could realize that the only way to preserve our principle and realize our highest aims as a denomination is to train our young people in schools that are really Christian and loyal to Baptist ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

F. H. BASS, Committee.

Brother T. D. Cox read the report on State Missions. Brother J. E. Barnett read the report on Foreign Missions. These reports were discussed together by Brethren J. B. Lawrence. Pending the discussion of these reports.

On motion recessed until 1:30 p. m.

Benediction by Brother J. E. Barnett.

### **Second Day—Afternoon Session.**

After singing several songs, Brother T. D. Cox led in prayer. The Association was announced in order for business and the discussion of the reports of State and Foreign Missions were resumed by Brother T. J. Moore and on motion the reports were adopted as follows:

#### **STATE MISSIONS.**

In its fundamental motive Missions is the projection of the saving grace of Jesus into all time and into all lands. It is the Christian constituency going forth into all the world and into all the life of the world sent by Jesus as he was sent by the Father, to carry on to its consummation the redemptive work. It is the people of the Gospel with the Gospel giving that Gospel to the people without it regardless of who they are or where they are. It is the churches of Jesus Christ without exception going into all the world without limitations and preaching the Gospel without modification unto every creature without discrimination. This world-wide proclamation of the message of life is missions.

### State Missions Basal.

State missions is the fitting of this Gospel of life into the composit life of the State and through the Gospel making the life of Jesus triumphant over all.

Our Savior commanded his disciples to begin their testimony in Jerusalem and from there to radiate outward unto the uttermost parts of the earth. This makes State Missions basal. Unless we are strong and well supplied at home we can never be strongly aggressive abroad. Any cause however good that takes precedence over State Missions is but satisfying its hunger with the seed-corn of the future. A Christian people who neglect their own weak fields are not fit to be trusted with a foreign mission. "If we love not our brother whom we have seen how can we love our brother whom we have not seen?" It is unwise to lengthen our cords without strengthening our stakes. Dr. Yates recognized this when he said, "the hope of the heathen under God depends upon well organized and well trained churches at home." Dr. Austin Phelps said, "If I were a missionary to China my first and most important prayer every morning would be for missions in America for the sake of China."

State Missions helps to establish and strengthen our churches from which must come the missionaries and the money with which to carry on our work abroad. Compare the amounts received in former years for missions in Mississippi with the amounts being given now. Sixteen years ago the convention met in Jackson and the Treasurer's report to that convention showed that we had given for State Missions \$8,763.23; for Home Missions \$2,957.80; for Foreign Missions \$5,872.00; making a total of \$17,593.33 for all missions. Last year we laid down at the Master's feet close to \$100,000.00 for missions while including our other gifts to the Orphanage, the Hospitals and to Christian Education the figures were carried well up to \$150,000.00. A strong State Mission policy has made this phenomenal increase in gifts possible.

### Work For the Year.

Our work for the year is laid out on a basis of \$43,000.00. The appropriations made to the different departments of the

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work are as follows: To pastoral support \$20,000.00; to Enlistment \$6,000.00; to Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work \$3,500.00; to Church Building, \$7,200.00; to the Woman's Work \$2,500.00; to Special Mission work in connection with Agricultural High Schools \$2,500.00; to office expense \$5,000.00.

We are assisting 215 churches to pay their pastors; helping 33 churches to build houses of worship; keeping two Sunday School men in the field for all of their time; have had three Enlistment men in the field for part of the time, two of them now being out of the fields, one having gone in the pastorate and the other having been placed in the Educational work; we have one Missionary Colporteur in the field; we have two women workers going all of their time to the work; we have one missionary among the negroes; and we are in co-operation with the general association doing work among the Indians, helping to support three Indian missionaries.

### Mississippi a Mission Field.

Mississippi is a great mission field. There are in the State about 2,000,000 people. Of this number only about 600,000 claim to be Christians. This leaves 1,400,000 who make no pretention to religion whatever. This is our challenge as well as our opportunity.

In addition to the 215 churches now being helped there are as many more that need help, to say nothing of the school houses where there ought to be preaching. We ought to have also a mission colporteur in every association of the State doing colportage and enlistment work. The field should be tiled carefully and in order that this may be done there is vastly more work than the force now in the field can do. There are also about 200 church organizations without houses of worship; and as many more where the houses are in such bad repair as to be practically useless. The storm last July blew down many church houses throughout this South Mississippi section, and these houses have got to be rebuilt. Some of the congregations are unable to build without help, and help them we must.

In addition to this Mississippi is a ripe field for immigrants. Our delightful climate and cheap lands are very attractive to those alien races who are coming to this country to find homes. With the close of this world-war it is predicted by every one



that there will be a great exodus from the old countries. Our southern ports will receive large numbers of these immigrants and Mississippi—especially the southern part of the State—is going to be filled with these aliens. We must be ready to meet these incoming hosts with the Gospel of Jesus and to do that a strong State Mission policy is essential.

### **Co-Operation Necessary.**

Ours is indeed a great task. To do it, our State Mission organization must be underpinned with the co-operative support of the one hundred and sixty-five thousand Baptists of the State. All our allied agencies must be manned for this task. No short-sighted vision will suffice now. No cramped and inadequate program will meet the needs of our denomination. Every energy and every force of Mississippi Baptists must be harnessed and directed in the accomplishment of this supreme undertaking. Let us keep our hands to the plow till the Kingdom of our God be fully come in Mississippi.

### **REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.**

Jesus commanded, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Our mission is to every quarter of the earth. For our own convenience, and efficiency we have divided the field into State, Home and Foreign Missions.

A glance at the Foreign Missions work of the Southern Baptist Convention will be helpful. We are doing mission work in seven different countries, namely: Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentine, China, Japan and Africa. On these fields there are 390 missionaries sent out by our Board and 651 native helpers. There are a total of 382 organized churches and 819 out-stations which have regular preaching. The aggregate membership of these 382 churches is 33,584 which enjoyed last year an increase by baptism of 5,190. It will be noted that in spite of the distance conditions brought about by the awful ravages of the war the increase by baptism was more than 16 per cent. There are 442 Sunday Schools with 23,959 scholars and 8,833 students in mission schools, 384 of whom are in theological seminaries and training schools preparing to preach the Gospel to their own people.

Last year the Foreign Mission Board sent out 20 new missionaries and there were more than 20 more who were ready to go if we had given the money necessary for their going. We have more workers on the field and are accomplishing more than we have ever done before. If we could enlist all our forces and do our best how soon we could bring all the world to the feet of our Lord. God has opened wide the door to every nation. This is an invitation to us, to do mightier work for him. Almost every obstacle has been removed and the inviting fields are white to the harvest. This is God's call to greater diligence in the proclamation of God's word.

We believe that every church should have a committee who would see to it that the Foreign Mission Journal, tracts and all sorts of helpful literature make regular visits into the home of its people. Such work would greatly stimulate missionary education and encourage greater giving.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BARNETT.

Brother J. F. Bass read the report on Publications, and was discussed by Brethren P. I. Lipsey, A. C. Berry, Leon Tyrohe and J. E. Cranford. On motion adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

As we read, we think, and as we think, we grow and as we grow, we become Christlike if our training and influence is Christlike. It is an evident fact that what we read and what we meditate shape largely our lives and characters. We are a part of all with which we come in contact. This being true, then how important it is that what we read and what we meditate on be the most wholesome possible for us to find.

Literature has been the means of developing many great men. Likewise it has had an opposite effect on many lives. Thus we see that literature has a great influence in shaping the lives of those who come in contact with or under its influence. Then, what kind of literature and what kind of books should enter our homes? Literature is the means of diffusing knowledge. Knowledge is power, and power is the strength of the church. If we are Baptists, we should know why we

are Baptists, and we should let the world know why we are Baptists. Hence, literature that teaches the doctrines and beliefs of the Baptist church should enter our homes and be spread abroad that the world might know the why and thus strengthen our church and denomination.

The chief organ of the Baptist State Convention is the Baptist Record. This publication is gotten up especially for the enlightenment of the Baptists over the state and represents the work, thought and life of the Baptist denomination. This publication, long with the Orphans' Gem, Home Field and Foreign Mission Journals, is finding its way into the many homes of our land. And, if we are true Baptists, we will see that such literature enters our homes early; for the child's mind is the most plastic of all stages of life, and if the mind at this stage be directed in the right way, it will seldom depart from its early teachings. "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." "As the twig is bent so will the tree be." So it is with a child's mind. If it is contaminated by worthless literature or confused by other religious doctrines, it is likely to grow in this condition. Baptist literature will offset such conditions.

Our reading should not only be a matter of conscience, but a matter of necessity. Our minds need development; they need food, and without it they become inactive. Let us make our denominational publications stronger and by so doing strengthen our denomination. If we fortify our homes with such literature, the enemy is not likely to overcome our breastwork, we would become better acquainted with the needs and conditions at home and abroad, and thus sympathize with, and pray more for those who need our help. Let us have better homes, be better citizens, become better Christians and be better Baptists, with broader views and deeper sympathies by inviting into our homes the publications of the Baptist denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

N. T. POLK.

Brother R. B. Dale read the report on Nominations. On motion was adopted as read.

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**REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.**

Your Committee on Nomination make this report:

That Rev. J. O. Buckley be our messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention and Rev. J. E. Barnett, alternate. We recommend that the churches of this Association make a contribution to defray the expenses of this messenger to the convention to be sent to the Treasurer of this Association not later than April 1, 1917.

We also recommend that the following Brethren write reports on the following subjects to be read at the next session of this Association:

Foreign Missions—Rev. J. O. Buckley.  
 State Missions—Rev. R. Drummonds.  
 State Missions—Rev. J. E. Barnett.  
 Denominational Schools—J. Frank Lee.  
 Publications—Rev. J. T. Dale.  
 Orphanage—J. O. Sutton.  
 Ministerial Education—Clyde Applewhite.  
 Church Discipline—W. H. Thompson.  
 Sustentation—Clifton Williamson.  
 Temperance—J. P. Dear.  
 Woman's Work—C. V. Sutton.  
 Layman's Work—Leon Tyrone.  
 Sunday Schools—W. C. Williamson.  
 Hospital—Henry Fortenberry.

We also recommend that Rev. J. T. Dale preach the next Associational Sermon; R. Drummonds, alternate.

Your committee also recommend that the next Association meet with Whitesand Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1917 at 10 o'clock a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. DALE.

H. C. WILLIAMSON.

W. J. CARTER.

Committee.

On motion, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock was made special report on the Orphanage.

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On motion, adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Leon Tyrone.

### Third Day—Morning Session.

After song service, Brother C. V. Sutton led in prayer. The Association was called to order and ready for the transaction of business.

Brother C. V. Sutton read the report on Apportionment. On motion adopted as read, viz:

### REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We your committee on apportionment beg leave to make the following report, we urge each church to raise if possible, the amount opposite their name for missions during the next associational year, viz:

Antioch	\$ 75.00
Bassfield	100.00
Bethany	110.00
Carson	30.00
Ebenezer	50.00
Hebron	300.00
Oakgrove	44.00
Hepzibah	71.50
Prentiss	330.00
Phalti	50.00
Society Hill	65.00
Victory	30.00
Whitesand	150.00

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. SUTTON, Chairman.

Brother T. J. Moore read the report on Laymen's work and was discussed by him and J. R. Carter.

On motion was adopted as follows:

### LAYMAN'S MOVEMENT.

There is no doubt that the Layman's Movement has done



much good. It seems to have been started as an interdenominational effort to cause men to feel and to assume more the responsibility our Lord placed on His people to bring in the kingdom of heaven. The different denominations have endeavored to encourage the movement by appointing leaders and placing them in the field to organize and rally their men to more vigorous activity in religious life.

Our Southern Baptists engaged Bro. J. T. Henderson for his full time in this work. He has done a great work.

The Baptist laymen of our State have held some very inspiring State meetings led by Bro. N. R. Drummond of Columbia. Last meeting was held in Jackson in connection with other denominations and was not so successful as former meetings had been, and up to this date no time nor place has been set for another meeting.

This association is willing to lend every possible encouragement to the laymen of its churches to become more efficient in our Master's work.

Brother C. V. Sutton read the report on Sunday Schools and was discussed by him, J. O. Buckley and J. R. Carter.

On motion adopted as follows:

### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

One of Jesus' commands was to go ye in to all the world teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and there is no better way to teach God's word than the Sunday School. Less than a century and a half ago the Sunday School was organized and for some time was for the poor children only who had no one to teach them, but today the rich and the poor, the high and the low, study the same lesson, the same day, in the same classes the world over, and today we have over 20,000,000 people enrolled in our Sunday School work. 30,417 teachers who hold diplomas we also have 12 A1 Sunday Schools in our State of this number one belongs to this Association.

Realizing that the Sunday School that is standing for the whole counsel of God, is a great asset to any church, your committee recommends that the pastors co-operate with the

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faithful ones in trying to get evry church member to attend Sunday School, regular that they may know their duty to God, their families and their fellow men. Knowledge of God's word is what we need and there is no better place to get this knowledge than in the Sunday School. Your committee finds by experience that the greatest trouble is with the parents; it is a hard matter to send children to Sunday School, but it is an easy matter to carry them to Sunday School.

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. SUTTON, Committee.

Brother S. T. Hood read the report on Sustentation and was discussed by J. O. Buckley and R. Drummond. Pending the adoption of this report, the following churches pledged to pay the following amounts for the coming associational year:

Bethany	\$ 5.00
Bassfield	5.00
Carson	2.50
Ebenezer	5.00
Hebron	5.00
Hepzibah	5.00
Prentiss	5.00
Phalti	2.50
Society Hill	5.00
Whitesand	5.00

On motion was adopted as follows:

## SUSTENTATION.

By Sustentation as a denominal enterprise we mean the caring for those of our ministers and their wives or widows who have worn themselves out going to and fro in the earth preaching the Gospel to perishing men and women.

We ought to care for our old ministers for the following reasons: First, because they are worthy. No other class of men deserve the sympathy, love and support of their fellows more than he who has made so many sacrifices that the souls and the lives of the people might be saved through the power of a compassionate Lord.

Second, because they are needy. Most of preachers are

poor people as to this world's goods and often it happens that old age finds them without the necessary things of life to make it easy and pleasant for them.

Third, it is the will of God that we care for them for He says that "The laborer is worthy of his hire." Also we are taught to "distribute to the necessities of saints." Gold holds His ministers in high esteem and gives us various admonitions as to how to treat them.

We have in the State now 10 old ministers and 8 widows being helped by our Board. During the year five or six have died.

As a rule our churches are too neglectful along this line of our work, and your committee recommends that a day be set apart and that our pastors preach a sermon in behalf of this work and a collection be taken in all our churches for ministerial relief.

Respectfully,

S. T. HOOD.

Brother T. J. Moore read the report on Hospitool. Brother J. O. Buckley read the report on the Orphanage, these reports were discussed together, by Brethren T. J. Moore, J. O. Buckley and J. R. Carter. Pending the adoption of these two reports, the sum of \$39 40 was collected in cash for the Orphanage. On motion the reports were adopted as follows:

### HOSPITALS.

In the earthly ministry of our Lord, He seemed to face almost as much emphasis on healing as He did on preaching. This very important work has been neglected by our denomination until we have lost much by our neglect. About a dozen years ago Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi, erected a Tri-State Baptist Hospital at Memphis, Tenn., this hospital is supplying a great need among our denomination.

The Baptists of Mississippi own and control a Baptist Hospital located at Jackson. This Hospital is also doing a great work. Not only are Baptist people treated, but it is open to all denominations or people of no denomination.

There have been hundreds of people treated in this hospital; people of means and people of no means, have been cared

for, it is made self-sustaining. It is to be hoped that all who go to the hospital that are able will pay for treatment, but in the case they are not able they will receive just as good treatment as the ones who can pay.

### **Some Facts Concerning the Hospital.**

The Baptists of this State owe about \$30,000.00 on the hospital. They are greatly in need of money at this time to pay on this debt. The hospital is full of patients now and the managers have put in about a dozen beds recently to accommodate the patients, so we would urge that all who have made pledges and signed notes that you pay up at once, so far as you can, and to you who have not made pledges write Brother Gillon, the new manager, and tell him to send you some blank notes and sign them and return to him with a cash offering. They will gladly accept linens and chickens and many other articles, such as are used in a hospital.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. BRYANT.

### **REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.**

The orphanage was chartered July 18, 1894. On May 12, 1897, it rented a cottage in Jackson, its doors opened to destitute children regardless of denomination. This institution belongs to the Baptist denomination of Mississippi, vested in a board of trustees, empowered by law to hold property.

The orphanage began and operated for six years under Rev. L. S. Foster. He secured 112 acres of land in the northwest suburbs of Jackson for the sum of \$2,400. Since the car line has been extended to the orphanage the property has been increased to perhaps \$50,000 if sold in lots; \$30,000 have been spent in improvements. They have four mules valued at \$750; hogs, \$500; cows, \$1,000. About three years ago the Board of Trustees bought a beautiful tract of land, 300 acres, one mile from Florence, and twelve miles south of Jackson, for \$4,500. On this farm, which with the added equipment, is worth \$8,000, sixteen or eighteen of the larger boys live and work.

Rev. J. R. Carter, of Blue Mountain, was elected to suc-

geed Brother Foster as superintendent, beginning his work September 1, 1903. A debt of \$5,500 was paid, \$1,000 spent in improvements, and there was a balance on hand of \$1,777.51 at the close of the first year of his superintendency. At present there is a debt of \$4,000, which should be paid now.

### **Great Work Done.**

During the nineteen years of the existence of this institution about 800 children have been received and cared for, many of whom have gone out and are filling useful positions in the world.

### **Home Securing Agency.**

Perhaps seventy-five have been adopted into comfortable home. Through the generosity of friends, sixteen have been sent to college, about one-half of these finishing their course. The present buildings, which will care for about 225 children, are usually full. The crops are good. They have a school eight months out of each year. The children have been healthy the past year; no deaths and not a serious case of sickness. Not a case of pellagra and they think they have learned how to manage the incoming cases.

### **Instructive Side.**

Every Baptist should visit the orphanage when in Jackson, and get acquainted with Brother and Sister Carter and their helpers; see the boys and girls at their various tasks, in the kitchen, dining room, laundry, workshop and on the farm. A casual observer will readily see how the children are taught system, order and independence and at the same time how they are trained intellectually, morally and spiritually under Christian influence.

There is no work fostered by the Baptists of Mississippi to which the entire denomination responds more readily and more liberally than to the orphanage. It is said that the three sweetest words in the English language are "mother home and heaven," and this institution supplies dependent ones this home. There is no cause nearer the heart of our Lord or more acceptable unto Him than caring for the helpless orphan. By many words and deeds did He manifest His interest in the



children. He gave as an evidence of pure and undefiled religion, to care for the widow and orphan in their affliction. There are many ways in which we as Christian people can carry out the will of our Master in this regard. What is grander or nobler than teaching a child that it has an immortal soul and that its life work should be to honor and glorify God? But few, if any, of our Christian homes impress on their children this great truth, as the home does which we are urging you to support.

### **The Appointment of Committees.**

Your committee recommends that each church appoint a committee to canvass the membership for monthly subscriptions and collect the same on the second Sunday in each month, and forward to some one whom this association shall appoint to receive said collections, for transmission to Brother Carter at Jackson.

That each Sunday School give one Sabbath's collection in each month to the orphanage, making it if possible, \$5.00 or more per month.

### **Thanksgiving Service.**

That each church hold a Thanksgiving service and make a cash offering. In addition to this cash offering, let the church appoint a committee to see every member and get an offering of clothing, groceries of all kinds, shoes, hose, mostly large sizes, and anything else that can be used for children.

### **Moderator to Appoint.**

That the moderator appoint some one to secure free transportation for these gifts, over the railroads in this association and into Jackson.

That our W. M. U.'s get up boxes of clothing each spring, fall and Christmas, and send it to them, freight prepaid.

That each church appoint a committee to secure subscriptions to the Orphanage Gem.

That our pastors and people of the several communities exercise great care in sending children to the orphanage. Send only those who cannot be cared for in any other way.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE JEFFERSON

Pray for the success of the orphanage and the welfare of the children

Respectfully

J. O. BUCKLEY

The Treasurer's annual report was received and read by Brother A. C. Berry. On motion approved as follows:

To the Jefferson Davis County Baptist Association:

As your Treasurer, I beg leave to make this my report from the 9th day of October, 1915 at Phalti to this the 23rd day of September, 1916, now assembled at Ebenezer Church:

### Receipts.

Balance as brought forward from my report at Phalti on October 9, 1915	\$ 152.57
Received from Hebron church April 25, 1916	3.75
Received from Whitesand Church May 15, 1916	3.15
Received from Bethany Church May 15, 1916	4.00
Received from Oak Grove Church May 15, 1916	2.00
Received from Antioch Church May 15, 1916	1.50
Received from Prentiss Church May 15, 1916	5.00
Received from the Finance Committee Sept. 22, 1916	133.60
Received from the Finance Committee Sept. 23, 1916	29.70
Total receipts	\$338.47

### Disbursements.

Refunded to Jessie Sutton (collected in error)	.60
To J. B. Lawrence, secretary for Association Missions	107.62
To Hezzie Williamson, Secretary Association, for services	15.14
To Hezzie Williamson for postage	.55
To Bomes Printing Co., for printing Association Min.	29.00
To C. V. Sutton for expenses to Southern Bapt. Con.	21.55
Total disbursements	\$174.46
To balance (now in the Treasury)	164.01
Total	\$338.47

N. B.—This will serve to advise that \$31.06 collected on Sunday, September 24th, 1916 for the Baptist Orphanage, was not turned over to the Treasurer by the Finance Committee, but delivered direct to Supt. J. R. Carter of the Orphanage.

LEON TYRONE, Treasurer.

Brother J. M. Fortenberry read the report of the Finance Committee, on motion was adopted as read.

### REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your Committee on Finance beg to make the following report: Received from the churches \$39.95 for minutes and \$123.30 for state missions. Total \$202.70. Orphanage \$39.40.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. BERRY.

BEN THOMSON.

J. M. FORTENBERRY.  
Committee.

On motion the Treasurer of this Association is authorized to pay over to our State Secretary all funds that may be in his possession.

On motion the Treasurer of this Association be, and he is hereby authorized to pay over all funds in his possession to the various institutions fostered by our State Baptist convention.

On motion the clerk be authorized and instructed to have as many copies of our minutes printed as is necessary to supply the number requested by the several churches, and that he be paid the sum of twenty dollars for his services.

On motion, resolved that the thanks of this Association be, and the same are hereby tendered to the members of this church, and to the good people of this community for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this Association.

On motion the minutes of this Association was read and approved.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE JEFFERSON

On motion adjourned to meet with Whitesand Baptist Church on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Closing prayer by Rev. J. R. Carter.

A. H. DALE, Moderator.  
J. W. BURROW, Clerk.

# WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION STATISTICS

CHURCHES	PRESIDENT	POSTOFFICE	No. Members	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	S. S. Board	Training School	Margaret Home	Other Objects	Total
Antioch											
Ebenezer	Mrs. M. H. Thompson	Bassfield, R2		\$ 5.00	\$ .	\$ 5.00	\$ .	\$ .	\$ .	\$ 98.40	\$ 108.40
Bassfield											
Bethany	Mrs. Clara Burrow	Prentiss	23		6.85	6.85		5.00		19.20	37.90
Carson											
*Hebron	Mrs. E. H. Walker	New Hebron	20		93.43	98.48					191.91
Hepzabah	Mrs. Jodie Watts	Arns	21		3.00	3.00				18.87	24.87
Oak Grove											
Phalti											
Prentiss	Mrs. H. H. Williams	Prentiss		8.10	8.00	23.00				170.60	210.70
Society Hill	Mrs. Della Williamson	Oakvale	20	3.00	5.25	5.00				61.02	93.52
+ Victory											
White Sand	Mrs. R. B. Dale	Prentiss	45		37.25					67.45	104.70

\* President of Y. W. A. Miss Lester Morris, New Hebron; No. members, 12; President Sunbeams, Lillian Bush.  
 New Hebron; No. members, 15.  
 + President G. A. Miss Hattie Langston; No. members, 25; contribution, \$19.50.



# GENERAL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	PASTORS	POSTOFFICES	CLERKS	POSTOFFICES
Antioch	R. W. Bryant	Hattiesburg	J. H. Bullock	Prentiss
Ebenezer	T. D. Cox	Columbia, R 1	L. B. Thompson	Bassfield
Bassfield	J. T. Dale	Collins	B. O. Thompson	Bassfield
Bethany	J. A. Buckley	Prentiss	S. C. Stamps	Prentiss
Carson	R. W. Bryant	Hattiesburg	N. T. Nichols	Carson
Hebron	J. E. Cranford	New Hebron	E. H. Walker	New Hebron
Hepzibah	J. O. Buckley	Prentiss	J. L. Speights	Oakvale
Oak Grove		Clinton	H. T. Griffith	White Sand
Phalti	J. E. Barnett	Prentiss	H. D. Boothe	Mt. Olive
Prentiss	J. E. Barnett	Prentiss	W. W. Lee	Prentiss
Society Hill	J. O. Buckley	Prentiss	G. M. Buckley	Gass
Victory	G. J. Dale	Collins	J. P. Warren	Bassfield
White Sand	J. O. Buckley	Prentiss	Jno. Bass	New Hebron



# FINANCIAL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Building and Repairs	Incidentals	Visiting Ministers	S. S. Expenses	The Poor	Minute Fund	S. S. Mission	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Seminaries
Antioch	200.00	\$	\$ 6.45	\$ 40.00	\$ 18.75	\$	\$ 5.00	\$	\$ 18.50	\$ 27.65	\$ 27.65	\$
Ebenezer	125.00			32.05			3.00		25.00	10.94	14.06	
Bassfield	300.00		20.30		12.65		4.00	4.75	29.80	22.88	22.89	
Bethany	200.00			41.85					33.55	15.00	15.17	
Carson	120.00				12.00					10.00	10.00	
Hebron	300.00	54.50	14.00	50.30						93.43	98.48	
Hepzabah	150.00											
Oak Grove	125.00			24.50	6.24			4.43		9.65	9.74	
Phalti	200.00			14.65	8.00		2.00		27.70	7.50	7.50	
Prantiss	600.00	5.00	61.03	125.00	159.37	60.50	6.30	16.00	100.00	142.30	75.00	
Society Hill	200.00			36.00	7.07		1.85		15.00	23.00	9.75	
Victory	100.00	553.60				5.00	2.05					
White Sand	200.00		16.40	38.41	25.75		5.80		39.60	49.00	49.25	

# FINANCIAL STATISTICS--Continued

CHURCHES	Orphanage	Ministerial Education	Ministerial Relief	Colleges and Schools	Hospitals	Other Objects	Grand Total
Antioch	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.40				\$	\$ 349.40
Ebenezer							215.05
Bassfield						48.50	215.05
Bethany						37.90	343.47
Carson				12.00			253.00
Hebron	8.05	15.00	15.00	42.50	32.50		673.41
Hepzabah							150.00
Oak Grove							179.56
Phalti	20.00						287.35
Prentiss	80.00			200.00	50.00	175.60	1,847.10
Society Hill		3.75	6.87		5.00	17.42	325.96
Victory							660.60
White Sand	3.25	9.00				4.75	492.85

# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

CHURCHES	SUPERINTENDENTS	POSTOFFICES	SECRETARIES	POSTOFFICES
Antioch	C. S. Williamson	Prentiss	Mrs. W. J. Barnes	Prentiss
Ebenezer	S. T. Hood	Columbia, R 1	Miss Virginia Dennis	Bassfield, R 2
Bassfield	J. P. Dean	Bassfield	Rennie Dear	Bassfield
Bethany				
Carson	H. O. Murry	Carson	Ollie McPhail	Carson
Hebron	W. C. Hutchins	New Hebron	Conly Quinn	New Hebron
Hepzibah	B. S. Watts	Arm	Miss Gay Speights	Oakvale
Oak Grove	J. O. Sutton	Silver Creek	Miss Pansie Michell	Silver Creek
Phaltj	H. D. Booth	Mt. Olive, R 2	Rena Parish	Mount Olive, R 2
Prentiss	Leon Tyrone	Prentiss	Miss Emily Banks	Prentiss
Society Hill	H. C. Williamson	Oakvale	D. D. Fortenberry	Oakvale
Victory				
White Sand	C. V. Sutton	Prentiss	J. L. Nelson	Prentiss



# SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS--Continued

CHURCHES	No. of Mission Schools	No. Officers and Teachers	No. of Pupils	No. Church Mem- bers in S. S.	No. Months Kept Open	No. Baptisms from S. S.	School Expenses	Missions	Orphanage	All Other Objects	Total
Antioch	1	4	40	23	12	4	\$ 7.55	\$ 5.35	\$	\$ 5.85	\$ 18.75
Ebenezer		1	64					10.62			
Bassfield	1	9	98		12			12.65	10.00	4.75	27.40
Bethany											
Carson	1	6	59	41	12	3	12.00				12.00
Hebron		6	50		12						
Hepzibah	1	5	68		12		5.00	2.00			7.00
Oak Grove	1	5	55	31	12	4	6.24	4.08			10.32
Phalt	1	6	60	40	12		8.00				8.00
Prentiss	1	16	163	123	12	11	59.37	16.00	60.00	15.00	150.37
Society Hill		8	110		12		7.07	2.87		5.00	14.94
Victory											
White Sand		6	84	65	12	3	14.50			16.25	30.75

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